



**Nevada GEAR UP
First Year**

Subgrantee: Washoe County School District
Name of School: Trainer Middle School
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FY 02 Award: \$55,949.32
of students: 277

The Curriculum Coach and Assistant Principal will be responsible for implementation of the GEAR UP program. The Director of State and Federal Programs will be the responsible party at the District level.

The School Base Team has chosen four (4) main objectives for Year One of the GEAR UP program.

1. Decrease by 10% the number of seventh-grade students scoring 1-4 in Comprehensive Stanines on the Gates McGintie Reading Test.
2. Expose twenty (2) seventh-grade students to UNR Summer Exploration Programs.
3. Increase Latino and Polynesian family exposure to educational opportunities.
4. Decrease by 10% the number of seventh-grade students scoring in the bottom quartile of the Terra Nova Math Test.

Academic Enrichment: The school will hire a Teacher Assistant, preferably bilingual, to work with all seventh-grade students, in small groups, on Math and literacy skills. Twenty (20) full scholarships will be offered to the target students for UNR Summer Exploration Programs, such as “Math for Girls,” “The Discovery Program” Sports Camps, and Music Camps. The GEAR UP Program Coordinator will develop advance placement opportunities at area high schools during the school year and the summer for qualified students. All students will be offered after school academic enrichment courses through the 21st Century Community Learning Center, such as Pre-Algebra, French, and Advanced Science. The school will present college-gear ed assemblies for all seventh-grade students to inform them of the scholarship possibilities throughout the post-secondary academic arena. All interested seventh-grade students will be sent on field trips to tour and experience the campuses at TMCC and UNR.

Professional Development: Professional Development opportunities will be provided to school faculty to improve student instruction in the areas of Math, Language Arts, and working with the English Learners population. This will include Accelerated Math, Accelerated Reader, Special Education inclusion, and English as a Second Language (ESL) inclusion best practices, and will have a tremendous impact on the entire student body.



Parent Involvement: The school will host regular parent information meetings, community college and university tours, and other activities with the express objective of informing families about post-secondary education opportunities, financial aid possibilities, and college entrance prerequisites. A part-time Spanish translator will be hired for translation during parent information communication. The school will encourage parent volunteers to work in the classrooms and through the school to make them more aware of the school activities and to be more involved in their child's education. Communication between parents and the school will be done by newsletters, regular notes home, and ongoing telephone calls

Tutoring/Mentoring: The school will team with partners in Education entities in the Washoe Health System and the Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association to provide small group and one-on-one tutoring and mentoring in the areas of Math, Language Arts, ESL, and social skills for all students. Assistance will be available for both remedial and advanced placement learning opportunities. Field trips will be provided to all interested seventh-grade students to tour college and university campuses, vocational opportunities, and other enrichment activities in the Reno/Sparks area.

Support System: The school faculty sees the GEAR UP program as a way to provide opportunities for its students that many would not have otherwise. The school's relationship with UNR for student mentor programs and teacher training has been strong for many years. The school's support system includes several community partners including Reno rotary, the Northern Nevada Women lawyers Association, and Washoe Health System. Other District-based support includes the School Board, Superintendent, Education Collaborative, the State and Federal Programs Office, and the Counselors Network.

Evaluation Data Collection Process and Program Review: